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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Phan et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/087,549
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For	:	METHODS FOR DECREASING NON-SPECIFIC BINDING OF BEADS IN DUAL BEAD ASSAYS INCLUDING RELATED OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC DRIVE SYSTEMS
Examiner	:	Diana B. Johannsen
Group Art Unit	:	1634

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2004 in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.